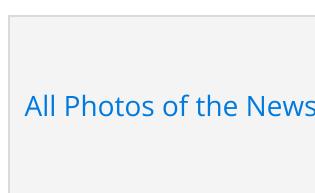


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Race against time continues in earthquake disaster

In the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes centered in Pazarcık and Elbistan in Kahramanmaraş, affecting 10 provinces, 12,873 people lost their lives and 62,937 people were injured. While search and rescue efforts continue on the fourth day of the disaster, citizens continue to wait hopefully at the rubble. Minute-by-minute developments from all regions...

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09:02 AFAD: Kahramanmaraş A total of 12,873 citizens lost their lives and 62,937 citizens were injured in the provinces of Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adiyaman, Osmaniye, Hatay, Kilis, Malatya and Elazığ.

03:20 AFAD: As of 03:00, 12,391 of our citizens have lost their lives and 62,914 of our citizens are injured.

20:56 Minister of Foreign Affairs Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu: Cilvegözü border gate is open. We are working to open both gates. This is not a political issue but a humanitarian one. We are also providing the necessary support for the incoming aid to reach Syria.

20:15 'SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS FROM 66 COUNTRIES ARE IN THE FIELD'

Vice President [Fuat Oktay](#), together with the Minister of Industry and Technology Mustafa Varank, Minister of Labor and Social Security Vedat Bilgin, and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, held an information meeting at the Disaster and Emergency

aftershocks. [earthquake](#) He announced that 3 of the earthquakes had magnitudes above 6 and 24 of them had magnitudes between 5 and 6.

Oktay, who stated that they continue to provide internal and external contributions to search and rescue activities, said, "The number is currently 21,600. Of course, those coming from abroad are also included. Our President also announced that all AFAD teams and civil society organizations are in the field. With those who will come, we see search and rescue teams from 66 countries in the field today. 4,931 of them are actually in the field and there are about 1,756 who will come. We dispatch them to the field as they arrive. When we look at the total number of personnel in the field, it is 103,800."

Oktay, stating that the work is currently concentrated in some provinces, said, "When we look at Kilis, Gaziantep, Adana, Şanlıurfa and to some extent Malatya, we have now relaxed these provinces a bit more compared to our other provinces in terms of search and rescue activities, in a way that we can shift the teams here to the other side. When we look at the provinces we are currently focusing on, Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya are included in this."

'THE NUMBER IN TEMPORARY SHELTER AREAS HAS EXCEEDED 500 THOUSAND'

Oktay, who also provided information on shelter services, said, "We have created a capacity of around 1 million 60 thousand outside disaster areas. We encourage those who want to go outside the disaster area. Addresses for places to go have been determined and provincial governorships have also been instructed. The number of citizens in temporary shelter areas has exceeded 500 thousand."

Oktay reported that there were no problems that would affect the field in terms of transportation and that there were no closed roads.

Oktay, who stated that they were taking precautions regarding natural gas in disaster areas, said, "We have solved the problem regarding the main transmission lines regarding natural gas as of this evening. We will start providing natural gas to the entire disaster area in a controlled manner. We will start providing natural gas one by one and gradually in order to prevent secondary disasters."

Fuat Oktay, regarding the posts made by the Republican People's Party Chairman Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu on social media, said, "We opened our doors to those who wanted to meet with us and shared all the information. Shame on those who want to go out and do politics over so many people after leaving here. 'We are building the airport, whoever is arresting should arrest them'. An extremely low-level challenge. There is nothing more ugly than doing politics with very simple allegations. Who are you, what do you think you are? If the state cannot build an airport, will a municipality build it?"

Construction machinery [earthquake](#) In response to claims that the construction equipment was not allowed into the area, Oktay said, "They were saying a moment ago that they were leaving the construction equipment outside, that is a complete lie. Can construction equipment be left outside? There are 5,500 construction equipment inside and the construction equipment coming from outside is planned according to where it will be in the city. We are not in a position to bring it into the city and make plans there."

Oktay, reminding that the work at Hatay Airport is carried out by the State Airports Authority, said, "All work at Hatay Airport is initiated by the State Airports Authority. There, construction equipment, including Ankara Metropolitan Municipality vehicles, are directed to the airport to carry debris, and we are the ones directing them. They go and collect debris with a few vehicles and say, 'We are building Hatay Airport, whoever is arresting

Report seriously. If there are those who record an event somewhere and try to trigger an event in other dimensions by taking it out of their own media, we will do what is necessary. If there is something related to disinformation, we will do what is necessary, is it possible not to do it? Today is not a day for politics, it is a day for unity."

'THERE IS A TECHNICAL PROBLEM'

In response to a question about accessing the social networking site Twitter during the day, he said, "We are currently managing the disaster here. We already have relevant institutions regarding it. You can evaluate it together with those institutions. From what I have learned, I think they had some technical problems. They will make the necessary explanations."

Regarding the number of citizens rescued from the rubble, Oktay said, "We shared the information about those rescued from the rubble very carefully. We are now working on this as a whole. It will be a much higher number than we previously announced. I estimate that those rescued from the rubble are not less than 20 thousand as of now."

In response to the question of whether the names of those who died in the earthquake would be shared, Oktay said, "We are extremely sensitive about the names of those who died. We share confirmed information. Even if we make a single mistake, the burden of this is huge. We can consider sharing the list of those who died, but we also need to evaluate this in terms of social psychology."

'WE ARE WORKING ON THE OPENING OF TWO BORDER GATES TO SYRIA'

Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, who responded to a question about whether or not there will be crossing points for the delivery of aid to earthquake victims in Syria, said, "Cilvegözü Border Gate is currently open within the framework of the United Nations Security Council. However, there is also damage on some roads on the Syrian side. Due to that damage, there are some difficulties in terms of our and international aid. For this reason, we are working on opening two more gates. Since this is a humanitarian situation, we are also working to open these gates from points controlled by the Syrian regime. We are also providing the necessary support for the incoming aid to reach Syria."

18:20 '9 THOUSAND 57 PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES, 52 THOUSAND 979 INJURED'

President Erdoğan, stating that the death toll in Turkey was 9 thousand 57 and the number of injured was 52 thousand 979 in the earthquake, concluded his words as follows:

"As of now, the death toll in Hatay is 3 thousand 356. The number of injured is 52 thousand 979 nationwide, and the number of collapsed buildings is 6 thousand 444. As of now, there are 21 thousand 200 soldiers, police and gendarmerie personnel on duty in Hatay. Some are also dishonorable in this regard. I am speaking frankly, dishonorable people are campaigning and spreading lies, slanders such as we could not see soldiers in Hatay, we could not see gendarmerie, we could not see police. Our soldiers, gendarmerie and police are honorable. But we will not let these dishonorable people use them as an appetizer. Everyone should know this as of now. 9,179 health workers are accredited and working here. Another important step is that 7 of our governors and 12 district governors are on duty here. The number of collapsed buildings here is 2,749, 170 teams, and over 5,000 are continuing search and rescue operations. 18 countries are here as foreigners. They are participating in these search and rescue operations. I once again pray to God for mercy on all those who passed away. I wish a recovery to our wounded brothers and sisters. Our university hospital in Hatay will also actively participate in the mission as of this evening."

16:45 EPDK: While approximately 6 million liters of fuel were sold in 10 provinces before the earthquake, this figure increased by more than 100 percent after the earthquake, reaching approximately 13 million liters. The approximate tonnage of the 787 tankers sent to the region is 23.6 million liters, and accordingly the amount of fuel delivered to the

region is at the level of 15.3 million liters. The vast majority of the remaining portion will be

team has arrived in Türkiye.



16:13 THE SECOND TEAM, INCLUDING 11 DOCTORS, SET OUT IN RUSSIA

The Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations announced that 50 search and rescue personnel and 11 doctors are on their way to Türkiye.



The Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations announced that 50 search and rescue personnel and 11 doctors set off to Türkiye on a special expedition. In another statement made today, the ministry stated that a group of officers from the Russian team conducting search and rescue operations in the earthquake-stricken Kahramanmaraş region had gone to Hatay. The ministry announced that a Russian family consisting of a mother and two children had debris. He stated that he went to investigate on suspicion of being under the influence of drugs.



15:57 MINISTERS AKAR AND KOCA REVIEWED THE RESCUE EFFORTS IN SAMANDAĞ

Minister of National Defense Hulusi Akar and Minister of Health Fahrettin Koca followed the search and rescue efforts in the Samandağ district of Hatay, one of the provinces hit by the earthquake.



According to a statement from the Ministry of National Defense, search and rescue efforts launched in 10 provinces, including Hatay, following the 7.7 magnitude earthquakes in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş and the 7.6 magnitude earthquakes in the Elbistan district are continuing. Minister Hulusi Akar, who arrived in Hatay immediately after the earthquake with Chief of General Staff General Yaşar Güler and Land Forces Commander General Musa Avsever, is following the search and rescue efforts on site with Minister of Health Fahrettin Koca. Ministers Akar and Koca examined the search and rescue efforts in the Samandağ district of Hatay on site. Chief of General Staff Güler and Hatay Governor Rahmi Doğan accompanied Akar and Koca, who received information from the search and rescue teams.



15:55 Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics visited the Turkish Embassy in Riga and received information about the earthquake disaster. Minister Rinkevics signed the condolence book.

15:35: 45 AID TRUCKS WENT TO MALATYA, WHICH WAS SHOCKED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN VAN

Following the earthquake that occurred one after another in Kahramanmaraş and hit 10 provinces, 45 aid trucks were sent from Van to Malatya. İpekyolu District Governor and Deputy Mayor İhsan Emre Aydın said that 10 trucks and 10 trucks that were prepared would set off.

Following the earthquake, the epicenter of which was the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş and affected 10 provinces, citizens in Van have also mobilized for the earthquake victims. Under the leadership of the metropolitan municipalities and other district municipalities, as well as the Van Chamber of Commerce and Industry, aid collection centers have been established for the earthquake victims at different points of the city. With the organization of the İpekyolu District Governorship and the municipality, aid is being collected at the Atatürk High School Sports Hall on İskelen Street and Zaferler Primary and Secondary School. The aid brought by volunteers is boxed by the officials, loaded onto trucks and sent to the earthquake region. While 45 trucks have been sent to Malatya so far, 10 trucks and 10 trucks that have been prepared will set off on the road in a short time.



'THE URGENT NEEDS LIST WILL BE UPDATED AT INTERVALS'

İpekyolu District Governor and Deputy Mayor İhsan Emre Aydin stated that all aid trucks were sent to Malatya and said, "We feel their pain in our hearts. We are coordinating aid activities here with our fellow citizens of Van. We are working intensively to deliver all our aid to the earthquake zone under the coordination of İpekyolu Municipality and İpekyolu District Governorship. We have dispatched 45 trucks so far. 10 more trucks and 10 more trucks are getting ready to set off. Our important request from all our fellow citizens is to bring the priority needs determined by AFAD to our aid collection center. Our urgent needs list for the earthquake zone is updated at intervals. We ask our fellow citizens to contribute within the scope of the needs we have determined. We are in contact with our Governor Dr. Ozan Balcı at the coordination center in Malatya. All aid here is being sent to our province of Malatya. Our fellow citizens and civil society organizations who want to support can contact us. "Our municipality's 444 71 60 Call Center and 0538 963 65 65 WhatsApp communication number will be at the service of our citizens 24/7," he said.



ANOTHER SUPPORT TEAM OF 57 PEOPLE IS ON THE ROAD

Van Metropolitan Municipality sent 219 construction equipment and vehicles, 703 search and rescue, local support and aid distribution personnel to Malatya, which was hit by the

Vehicles that departed from in front of the Metropolitan Municipality.

14:39 MINISTER KOCA: WE ESTABLISHED 77 FIELD HOSPITALS IN 10 PROVINCES

Minister of Health Fahrettin Koca said, "We have established 77 field hospitals in 10 provinces. We can also perform surgical operations in some of these hospitals where emergency health services are provided."

Minister Koca made a statement on his Twitter account, saying, "We have established 77 field hospitals in 10 provinces. We can also perform surgical operations in some of these hospitals where emergency health services are provided. Our earthquake victims with risky health conditions are transferred to hospitals in the region by helicopters after the first intervention here."

13:52 President Erdoğan: (In the earthquake area) The earthquake disaster hit our 10 known provinces. And the center of these 10 provinces was Kahramanmaraş. We experienced the first step of the earthquake here in Kahramanmaraş and after that it happened in waves in our 10 known provinces. As of now, unfortunately, the number of people who died is 8,574. The number of injured is 49,133. The number of collapsed buildings is 6,744.

13:26 A SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM OF 35 PEOPLE ARRIVED FROM UKRAINE

The plane carrying the 35-person search and rescue team that set out from Ukraine following the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş refueled at Tekirdağ Çorlu Atatürk Airport. After the refueling, the Ukrainian team flew to Adana.



Following the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş that caused destruction in 10 provinces, a 35-person search and rescue team from Ukraine came to Türkiye with 2 trained dogs. The plane landed at Çorlu Atatürk Airport for refueling. The search and rescue team was welcomed by the airport management. The team, who were served breakfast, flew to Adana after refueling to participate in search and rescue efforts in the earthquake area.

13:34 A SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM OF 72 WILL BE SENT FROM AUSTRALIA

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced that a 72-person team will be sent to participate in search and rescue efforts following the earthquakes in Türkiye.

12:37 General Directorate of Maritime Affairs: The fire in İskenderun Port has been brought under control by intervention from sea, land and air. Ship handling services cannot be provided at this port and waiting ships should divert to other facilities. There are no obstacles to operations at other port facilities in the gulf.

Team also includes search and rescue dogs.



12:00 'AIR BRIDGE' ESTABLISHED

AFAD announced that 7,108 people lost their lives and 40,910 people were injured in the earthquake as of 10:35. It was also stated that an "air bridge" was established to transfer personnel and materials to the region from Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir with a total of 122 aircraft from the Air Forces Command, Land Forces Command, Coast Guard Command and Gendarmerie General Command.

11:30 COMMANDOS IN ERZINCAN SET OUT TO SUPPORT THE WORKS IN HATAY

Commandos from the Gendarmerie Battalion Command in the Refahiye district of Erzincan are going to earthquake-hit Hatay for support.

91 commandos who set out to participate in the search and rescue efforts in Hatay were sent off from Erzincan Yıldırım Akbulut Airport with prayers by Governor Mehmet Makas, Deputy Governor Mehmet Deniz Arabacı, Provincial Gendarmerie Commander Colonel Hakan Dedeoğlu and military personnel. Governor Mehmet Makas thanked the commandos and wished them an open road.



11:32 AFAD: A total of 7,108 citizens lost their lives; 40,910 citizens were injured.

10:43 A TEAM OF 90 PEOPLE FROM CHINA ARRIVED IN ADANA

Following the two major earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, China sent a 90-person team to Türkiye to participate in search and rescue efforts in the region.



Following the earthquake, foreign search and rescue teams continue to arrive in Türkiye. The latest team from China has arrived in Adana. In a statement made on social media by the Chinese Consulate General regarding the issue, it was stated that "Two groups of 90 search and rescue teams from China have arrived at Adana Airport. The team will immediately go to the disaster areas and begin rescue efforts. In addition, another 50-person search and rescue team will arrive in Adana from China this afternoon."

10:15 MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM KING CHARLES

King Charles III of England, who issued a condolence message following the earthquakes that affected 10 provinces and whose epicenter was Kahramanmaraş, said, "I wanted to convey our deepest and most sincere feelings to the families of those who lost their loved ones."

King Charles III of England, in a condolence message following the devastating earthquakes that affected 10 provinces, said that he and his wife were deeply saddened by the news of the earthquakes in Türkiye. King Charles said, "I can only imagine the extent of the pain and loss experienced as a result of these terrible tragedies and I wanted to convey our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies, especially to the families of those who have lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by this terrible natural disaster, as well as the emergency services and those assisting in the rescue efforts."

09:34 AFAD: 6,234 PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE EARTHQUAKE

Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) announced that 6,234 people lost their lives and 37,011 people were injured in the 7.7-magnitude earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş.

In a written statement, AFAD stated that following the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that occurred in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş at 04:17 on February 6, there were 648 tremors, the largest of which was 7.6 and centered in Elbistan. It was recorded that a total of 6,234 people lost their lives and 37,011 people were injured in the earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adiyaman, Osmaniye, Hatay, Kilis, Malatya and Elazığ. It was also stated that 50,818 AFAD Family Life Tents were set up in the region to shelter earthquake victims and the total number of search and rescue personnel reached 79,110.

NUMBER OF INJURED: 38 THOUSAND 224

AFAD announced that as of 09:45, 6,957 people lost their lives and 38,224 people were

Foreign Affairs. It was also noted that a total of 5,454 vehicles, including excavators, tractors, cranes, dozers, trucks, water trucks, trailers, graders and sewage trucks, were dispatched to the disaster area.

09:19 INJURED EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS WERE BROUGHT TO ISTANBUL BY PLANE FROM MALATYA

Citizens injured in the earthquake in Malatya were brought to Istanbul for treatment by military cargo plane. 30 injured people were taken to hospitals throughout Istanbul.



The Turkish Air Force cargo plane, which departed from Malatya to Istanbul with the injured people from the earthquake zone, landed at Atatürk Airport at around 08:00.

Yaralı Depremzedeler Malatya'dan Uçakla İstanbul'a Getirildi



Medical teams, prepared minutes before the plane landed, carried the injured to the ambulances on stretchers. The 30 injured on the plane were transferred to hospitals throughout Istanbul by ambulance.

09:18 THE LIVELY BODIES OF 4 PEOPLE WERE REMOVED FROM THE RUBBLE OF A 12-STOREY BUILDING IN ADANA

The lifeless bodies of 4 people were found during the search and rescue efforts at the collapsed 12-storey Alpergün Apartment in Adana.

On Monday, February 6, at 04:17, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake occurred in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş. The earthquake caused major destruction in Kahramanmaraş, as well as Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis, Osmaniye, Malatya, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa, and



Teams continued search and rescue operations throughout the night at Alpergün Apartment, one of the 12 buildings that collapsed in Adana due to the earthquakes. The AFAD teams, who are trying to rescue those trapped under the rubble, are also supported by those in the area. It was reported that the lifeless bodies of 4 people were found during the search and rescue efforts that continued throughout the night.

CAT RECOVERED ALIVE AFTER 42 HOURS

Search and rescue teams in the collapsed 8-storey Metin Tamer Site in Adnan Menderes Neighbourhood in Osmaniye heard the sound of a cat this time. The teams rescued a cat alive 42 hours after the earthquake. The rescued cat was delivered to its owner who came out of the same building.



08:21 INJURED PERSON RESCUE FROM HOTEL WRECKAGE 52 HOURS LATER IN KAHRAMANMARAS

Trapped in the debris of the collapsed Arıkan Hotel in Kahramanmaraş, Hilal Kocaoğlu (58) was rescued alive after 52 hours.

The Arıkan Hotel in the city center was also destroyed in the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş that affected 10 provinces. Search and rescue teams working in the rubble of the hotel on Azerbaijan Boulevard intensified their work upon hearing a sound coming from the rubble in the morning. As a result of the work carried out in the area where the sound was coming from, Hilal Kocaoğlu, who was trapped in the rubble, was reached. Hilal Kocaoğlu was pulled from the rubble with injuries 52 hours after the earthquake. Hilal Kocaoğlu, who was given first aid by the health teams at the rubble, was carried to the ambulance on a stretcher and taken to the hospital. The teams' rescue work in the rubble continues.



07:28 Minister of Justice Bozdağ: We will extend all periods in judicial processes by 15 days from the day of the earthquake in order to prevent lawyers registered with bar associations in the earthquake region and lawyers and their clients registered with other bar associations who have relatives in the earthquake region from losing their rights.



01:27 MERVE WAS RESCUED ALIVE FROM THE RUBBLE AFTER 46 HOURS

In the earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş, a 28-year-old woman named Merve, who was trapped under the rubble in Hatay, was rescued alive by the teams. It was learned that Merve's fiancé and mother were still under the rubble.

The 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquake in Kahramanmaraş hit 10 provinces. Search and rescue efforts continue in the rubble of collapsed buildings on Atatürk Street in the city center of Hatay. A woman named Merve was rescued alive by teams from the rubble of a collapsed 5-storey building. Carried on a stretcher, Merve was taken to the hospital by ambulance. It was reported that Merve was in good health and injured in her leg. It was learned that Merve's fiancé and mother were still under the rubble.



01:10 IZMIR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUED 3 CITIZENS, 1 OF THEM A CHILD, ALIVE FROM THE DEBRIS

During the search and rescue operations carried out by the Emergency Rescue Health (AKS) teams and soldiers affiliated with the Izmir Metropolitan Municipality in Hatay, three

The Izmir Fire Department continues its work in Hatay, where there are debris from the earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş. Teams rescued three people, including a child, alive during their work with soldiers in the debris of an apartment building in the Narlıca Neighborhood.

SOYER: OUR FIRE TEAM, TOGETHER WITH OUR SOLDIERS, REMOVED A CHILD ALIVE FROM THE RUBBLE IN HATAY

Izmir Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Tunç Soyer shared the following on his social media account: "Our fire department team, together with our soldiers, pulled a child out of the rubble alive in Hatay. Words are stuck in my throat... May you live long, my child..."



00:39 Minister of Family, Labor and Social Services Derya Yanık: It is out of the question for unaccompanied children to be handed over to anyone other than our teams.

00:36 According to the decision published in the Official Gazette with the signature of President Erdoğan; A state of emergency was declared in 10 provinces for three months as of 01.00 on February 8, 2022.

00:31 A CITIZEN IN İSKENDERUN WAS RESCUED ALIVE FROM THE RUBBLE AFTER 40 HOURS

A citizen named Mehmet Çolak was rescued alive from the rubble approximately 40 hours later in the İskenderun district of Hatay.

A citizen named Mehmet Çolak was rescued alive from the rubble in the İskenderun district of Hatay, where the earthquake hit, after approximately 40 hours. Rescued by the Open Penal Institution Rescue Organization personnel, Mehmet Çolak was taken to the hospital by ambulance for treatment.



00:17 VICE PRESIDENT OKTAY ANNOUNCED THE LATEST DATA ON THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE

Vice President Fuat Oktay announced the latest situation regarding the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş.

Vice President Oktay made statements regarding the field following the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquake that occurred in Kahramanmaraş and affected 10 provinces. Oktay made the following statements:

"Our number of casualties is 5,894. Our injuries are 34,810. Our collapsed building is 5,775. The number of people rescued from the debris is around 8,000. Our search and rescue operations will continue until our last citizen. A total of 16,139 search and rescue teams are actually on the field. We continue to dispatch search and rescue teams by air. Thank God, weather conditions allowed air operations today. We have 4,794 construction machines on the field. There were 3,251 teams from abroad. Around 2,400 additional search and rescue teams will come with their equipment. A total of 60,218 people are actually working on the field. We will be dispatching nearly 1,500 additional search and rescue teams from Türkiye to the field. I mentioned construction machines. There was a need for crane machines on the field. 750 cranes are currently working on the field. In addition, 4,794 construction machines are on the field."



'WE STARTED USING ALL AIRPORTS'

Sharing details about the use of airports and aircraft, Oktay said, "We have started to use all airports. Especially our Adana Airport has greatly accelerated our work in terms of logistics. We continue our work intensively with our 36 helicopters. About 17 helicopters with night vision continue to work in the field."

'WE HAVE STARTED EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A CONTAINER CITY'

Blankets are on the field and about to arrive. We are trying to increase this number to 2 million very quickly. A total of 100 thousand tents have arrived or are about to arrive. There were closed roads. The roads are almost completely open. We have started work on establishing a container city."

Oktay, who made statements regarding the provision of natural gas, electricity, transportation and communication in the region, said, "The maintenance of 3 of our 6 faulty transformers has been completed. There are developments in communication and electricity. Around 1400 generators have reached the field. If we do not encounter a new surprise as of tomorrow evening, we will complete the work and provide natural gas to the disaster area in a controlled manner. We had a slight transportation problem in Nurdağı regarding fuel. Since the road has been opened, we no longer have a problem. 151 tankers were on the road. In addition, 650 mobile tankers have also reached the region. We have almost no more closed roads to the disaster area."

'WE WILL DELIVER THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FAMILIES AFTER IDENTIFYING THEM'

Minister of Family, Labor and Social Services Derya Yanık, who stated that the unaccompanied children who were pulled out from under the rubble remained under the supervision of the ministry, said, "As the ministry, the responsibility for the unaccompanied children under our supervision in earthquake zones is currently ours. Apart from this, as a result of our work with the Ministry of Health, the children who were pulled out from under the rubble and whose treatment was completed in hospitals will not be handed over to any third party other than our ministry personnel. We will hand the children over to their families after determining their identities." Düzgün Barış DENİZ/ ANKARA, (DHA)-

23:48 4-YEAR-OLD BEYZA WAS RESCUE AFTER 42 HOURS IN KAHRAMANMARAŞ

Antalya Metropolitan Municipality fire crews rescued a 4-year-old child named Beyza, who was trapped under the rubble during the earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, alive.

Following the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, all of Turkey was mobilized. Antalya Metropolitan Municipality fire department teams, who went to the disaster area in line with the aid, continue search and rescue efforts. Fire department teams pulled a 4-year-old girl named Beyza out of the rubble in Kahramanmaraş alive in the 42nd hour of the earthquake. Beyza, who was making a 'high five' with her hands that were pulled out of the rubble, and the firefighter chatted for a while. The firefighter asked the little girl where her sister and mother were. Beyza was taken to the ambulance on a stretcher to be taken to the hospital where she would receive treatment.



22:45 Prime Ministers of Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Armenia called President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and conveyed their wishes for a speedy recovery due to the earthquake.

According to a statement made by the Presidency's Directorate of Communications,

and wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

22:37 Minister of Health Koca announced that 5,434 people lost their lives and 31,777 people were injured in the earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş.

21:41 KAHRAMANMARAŞ, NERİMAN WAS RESCUED AFTER 31 HOURS

In the 7.6 magnitude earthquake that occurred in the Elbistan district of Kahramanmaraş at 13.24 yesterday, Neriman Kılıç (56) and her husband Ömer Kılıç were trapped in the rubble of a 4-storey building in the Güneşli Neighbourhood. The teams started working to reach the Kılıç couple. In this context, the teams started working upon hearing screams coming from Neriman Kılıç. After approximately 7 hours of work, Neriman Kılıç was rescued from under the rubble after 31 hours. The teams, who have not yet been able to reach Ömer Kılıç, will continue their work that they had paused tomorrow morning.



21:09 A GIRL WAS RETRIEVED ALIVE FROM THE DEBRIS AFTER 40 HOURS IN DIYARBAKIR

A girl was rescued alive after 40 hours during search and rescue efforts at the İşik Apartment on Karacadağ Street in the Bağlar district of Diyarbakır, which was destroyed in the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş. The injured girl was taken to the hospital by ambulance and treated.

**21:07 4-YEAR-OLD MÜJGAN RESCUED ALIVE IN ADIYAMAN**

Following the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes centered in Pazarcık and Elbistan in Kahramanmaraş, affecting 10 provinces, search and rescue efforts continue in collapsed buildings. Siirt Municipality Fire Department teams pulled 4-year-old Müjgan safe and sound from the collapsed 5-storey building behind the Adiyaman Governor's Office at the 39th hour. Rescued at the 39th hour of the earthquake, Müjgan was taken to the hospital by ambulance after first aid.



20:59 MSB: WE SAVED A MOTHER AND HER CHILDREN FROM THE RUBBLE

The Ministry of National Defense (MSB) announced that the 5th Corps Engineering Regiment Natural Disasters Search and Rescue Team rescued a mother and her children from the rubble in Hatay.

"The Natural Disasters Search and Rescue Team of our 5th Corps Engineer Regiment, which provides support to the search and rescue activities in Hatay Kırıkhan, rescued a mother and her children from the rubble," the ministry said in a post on its Twitter account.



20:19 MINISTRY OF TREASURY AND FINANCE: FORCE MAJEURE HAS BEEN DECLARED FOR TAXPAYERS IN THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE

In a written statement made by the Ministry, emphasizing the fight against earthquakes, it was stated that "In order to heal the wounds of the earthquake and to meet the shelter, nutrition and other needs of our citizens who were affected by the earthquake rapidly, we are in constant communication with the relevant public institutions and organizations, and urgent cash demands are met by our Ministry without delay. In addition, a state of force majeure has been declared until July 31, 2023 for our taxpayers located in the earthquake

region as of the date of the earthquake, the tax obligations of taxpayers in these provinces

The following statements were used in the continuation of the statement:

"During the force majeure period, the deadlines for submitting tax returns and notifications that must be submitted have been extended until the end of 15.8.2023, and the payment deadlines for taxes accrued on these declarations and notifications have been extended until 31.8.2023. Necessary preparations are being made to extend the payment deadlines of the installments that must be paid in March, May and July 2023 within the scope of the Restructuring Laws numbered 7256 and 7326, which are still in implementation, to August, October and December 2023 following the end date of the force majeure. Our state stands by all our citizens affected by the earthquake and will continue to provide all the necessary support without interruption in the upcoming period. Our country and our nation will hopefully leave these days behind as soon as possible in unity, togetherness and solidarity.

"

20:14 THE BODY OF A WOMAN WAS RECOVERED FROM SERİN 2 APARTMENT

The lifeless body of a woman was found in the debris of the Serin 2 Apartment in Tesisler Kavşak, Bağlar district of Diyarbakır, which collapsed in the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş. The teams, who have been conducting search and rescue operations since the earthquake, are trying to determine whether there are any people alive by listening to the sounds under the rubble.



20:12 MINISTERS AKAR, KOCA AND DÖNMEZ INSPECTED THE SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS IN HATAY FROM THE AIR

Minister of National Defense Hulusi Akar, Minister of Health Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Fatih Dönmez examined the search and rescue efforts in the earthquake-affected Hatay center from the air.

Following the 7.7 magnitude earthquakes in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş and the 7.6 magnitude earthquake in the Elbistan district, search and rescue efforts launched in 10 provinces including Hatay are continuing. Minister Akar, who arrived in Hatay immediately after the earthquake with Chief of General Staff General Yaşar Güler and Land Forces Commander General Musa Avsever, is following the search and rescue efforts on site with Minister of Health Fahrettin Koca and Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Fatih Dönmez.

The ministers, who went to the city center to examine the work and received information about the search and rescue teams, then examined the general work from the air by helicopter. Hatay Governor Rahmi Doğan accompanied National Defense Minister Akar, Health Minister Koca and Energy and Natural Resources Minister Dönmez.



19:54 PENALTY FOR BAKERIES SELLING BREAD AT EXORBITANT PRICES AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

Following reports of bread being sold at exorbitant prices in bakeries in Diyarbakır, one of the provinces affected by the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes centered in Pazarcık and Elbistan in Kahramanmaraş and affecting 10 provinces, the Metropolitan Municipality Police Department conducted an inspection. Police teams, who inspected 15 bakeries in the city center, imposed penalties on 5 bakeries that were selling at exorbitant prices and producing bread that was not in the recommended weight range. Inspections are ongoing.



19:50 AFAD: 4,544 CITIZENS LOST THEIR LIVES

In a written statement from AFAD, it was stated that following the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş Pazarcık, there were 435 more tremors, the largest of which was 7.6 magnitude centered in Elbistan. It was recorded that a total of 4,544 people lost their lives and 26,721 people were injured in the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adıyaman, Osmaniye, Hatay, Kilis, Malatya and Elazığ.

19:34 'NO ONE LEFT UNDER THE RUBBLE IN KİLİS: 22 DEAD, 466 INJURED'

Minister of Trade Mehmet Muş said that the search activities in Kilis have ended and that

There are 22 deaths in Kilis. 10 of our citizens here reside in Kilis, and 12 of our citizens

came here from other provinces and passed away. As of now, damage assessment studies are being carried out under the coordination of our Governorship. As of now, the relevant units have determined that 138 buildings are severely damaged and 119 buildings are in ruins."

Minister Muş, who emphasized that life in Kilis will gradually return to normal, asked citizens to stay away from damaged buildings. Minister of Trade Mehmet Muş later attended the funeral ceremonies of brothers Yakup and Veysel Çetin, who lost their lives in the earthquake in Kilis.



19:30 MSB: PERSONNEL OF THE 14TH ARMORED BRIGADE COMMAND IN TRNC ARRIVED IN MERSIN

The Ministry of National Defense (MSB) announced that the personnel of the 14th Armoured Brigade Command stationed in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) arrived in Mersin to support search and rescue efforts.

In a post shared on the ministry's Twitter account, it was stated that "Our 14th Armoured Brigade Command personnel deployed in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus arrived in Mersin to support search and rescue efforts. Turkish soldiers are arriving in the earthquake zone."



19:14 NEW SECURITY CAMERA IMAGE OF THE 7.7-MEASURE EARTHQUAKE IN DIYARBAKIR HAS EMERGENCY

Security camera footage from Diyarbakır of the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that affected 10



19:11 HE EMERGED FROM THE RUBBLE SURVIVALLY AFTER 38 HOURS

In Malatya, teams were directed to the area after receiving information that a person was alive in the debris of the Özlem Hotel located next to the Bakırcılar Bazaar in the Dabakhane Neighborhood of the Battalgazi district. After approximately 2 hours of work, a male in his 60s, believed to be a hotel customer and whose identity is not yet known, was pulled out of the debris alive. The person was carried by the teams on a stretcher and taken to the hospital by ambulance.



TWO MORE BODIES REMOVED FROM KIRCAVUS HOTEL

Search and rescue efforts continue at the Kırçuval Hotel, where the Malatya Metropolitan Municipality Volleyball team stayed and which was reduced to rubble in yesterday's first earthquake. After removing one body from the hotel rubble at noon, where no sound was heard, the bodies of two more people were found. Teams continue to work in the rubble.

18:54 HE HAD AN ANGIO ONE DAY AGO, HE CAME TO DIYARBAKIR WITH HIS TEAM AS SOON AS THE EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED

Siirt Municipality Fire Department Director Mizbah Yılmaz, who had an angiogram at Siirt State Hospital due to a heart condition one day before the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes that affected 10 provinces centered on Kahramanmaraş, Pazarcık and Elbistan, came to Diyarbakır with her 15-person team immediately after the earthquake.



'THE MORE LIVES I REACH, THE MORE I GET BETTER'

The team, which participated in the works in the rubble of the Akar Apartment located on Emek Avenue 482nd Street in Mevlana Halit Neighborhood of Bağlar district, has so far removed 4 injured and 16 lifeless bodies from under the rubble. Stating that his health condition is good, Yilmaz said, "One day before the earthquake here, I had an angiogram at Siirt State Hospital due to my illness. After hearing about the earthquake, we came from Siirt to join the search and rescue efforts here so that the people of Diyarbakir would not be alone. We reached 4 injured and 16 dead bodies here. 1.5 years ago, we went to the forest fire in Manavgat district of Antalya and intervened for 12 days. No matter how tired we are, reaching the living people here has relieved us. We will not leave unless the events here calm down. My illness is getting better, I am very well. The more I rescue the living, the better I get. I have been in the firefighting profession for 36 years. I have been serving in Siirt for 36 years."



18:53 EGM: 7 SUSPECTS WHO MADE PROVOCATIVE POSTS WERE DETAINED

7 Suspects were detained. It was reported that 1 person who was detained was arrested.

On the other hand, following the studies carried out; 16 websites created with the aim of abusing citizens who wanted to help earthquake victims, 4 social media platform accounts using the names of official institutions, and 3 crypto asset wallet addresses where money was requested to be deposited using the theme of 'earthquake aid' were detected and it was announced that the necessary actions were taken.

18:45 AFAD: 3,703 CITIZENS LOST THEIR LIVES

In a written statement from AFAD, it was stated that following the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş Pazarcık, there were 422 more tremors, the largest of which was 7.6 magnitude centered in Elbistan. It was recorded that a total of 3,703 people lost their lives and 22,286 people were injured in the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adiyaman, Osmaniye, Hatay, Kilis, Malatya and Elazığ.

It was noted that the number of search and rescue personnel assigned to the region was 59,971, and the total number of vehicles, primarily excavators, tractors, cranes, dozers, trucks, water trucks, trailers, graders, and sewage tankers, reached 4,746. It was also stated that 3,251 personnel from 65 countries who came for assistance were dispatched to the disaster area as a result of talks with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On the other hand, it was announced that an air bridge was established to transfer personnel and materials to the region from Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir with a total of 88 air elements affiliated with the Air Force, Land Forces, Coast Guard and Gendarmerie General Command.



17:29 MIRACULOUS RESCUE AFTER 32 HOURS

After the great destruction caused by the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş, search and rescue teams from all over Turkey were dispatched to the regions. 25 personnel from the Samsun Metropolitan Municipality Fire Department also reached the disaster area with 3 fire trucks and participated in the search and rescue efforts. In the efforts carried out in coordination with AFAD, fire teams rescued 7 people, 3 of whom were children. In the Elbistan district, fire teams first struggled to reach those trapped under the collapsed 7-storey building. The youngest member of the family was reached first in the rescue efforts. The fire teams were very happy while the 5-year-old child was pulled out of the rubble. The teams then managed to reach the other members of the



17:22 PRESIDENT ERDOĞAN RECEIVES 'GET WELL' CALL FROM LEADERS

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenski called President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and wished him a speedy recovery.

According to the statement made by the Presidency's Directorate of Communications, Iranian President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Ukrainian President Zelensky and Democratic Republic of Congo President Felix Tshisekedi, who called President Erdoğan due to the earthquake, conveyed their condolences for those who lost their lives and wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

President Erdoğan also made evaluations about the post-earthquake situation in the region and search and rescue efforts in his phone conversations with 11th President Abdullah Gül and the Chairman of the New Welfare Party, Fatih Erbakan.

17:19 9-STOREY APARTMENT EVACUATED DUE TO NOISE

While search and rescue efforts continue in Diyarbakır, which was affected by the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquake centered in Pazarcık and Elbistan in Kahramanmaraş and affecting 10 provinces, the 9-storey Selam Apartment located on 486th Street in Mevlana Halit Neighborhood of Bağlar district was evacuated due to the possibility of collapse upon sounds coming from the building. Police and gendarmerie took precautions by setting up a security barrier around the building.



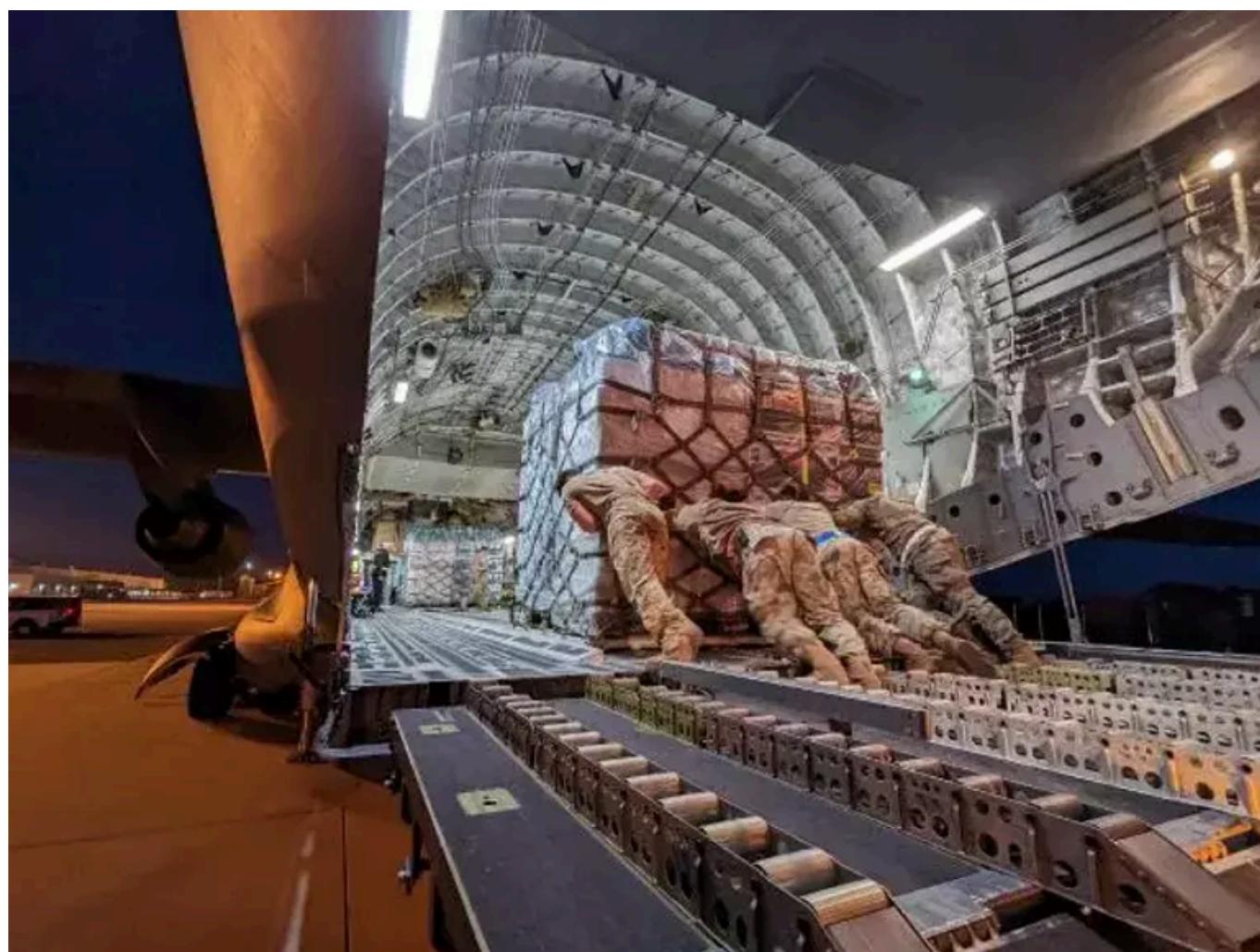
A FEW THINGS' Ramazan Karabulut (42), who lives in the apartment building, stated that he has been living in the apartment building for 3 years and said, "There was an earthquake so we went out the first day and went back in today. We tried to take a few things. The police told us, 'Evacuate the building, the building is collapsing.' The columns of the building are cracked and will collapse. We were taking things out with my 3 children. When the police said so, we were able to take a few things. From now on, my father's house is in the village. We will go there to stay with them for a few days. I don't know what we will do after that."

17:14 161-PERSON USA TEAM SET OUT

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Humanitarian Assistance Office teams announced that they were on their way to Türkiye due to the earthquake disaster.



The Humanitarian Aid Bureau said in a statement that 161 expert personnel and 12 search and rescue dogs will join the USAID team that previously arrived in Türkiye.



17:04 AZERBAIJAN IN THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE WITH A TEAM OF 370 PEOPLE

Azerbaijan was the first country to rush to aid in the earthquake disaster centered in

Kahramanmaraş. A search and rescue team of 370 people from Azerbaijan is working to



Following the earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş that devastated Türkiye, many countries requested assistance. Azerbaijan was the first country to rush to Türkiye's aid in the great disaster. On the first day of the disaster, where the number of deaths and injuries increased by the hour, a search and rescue team of 370 people set out from Azerbaijan and took part in the earthquake zone. 120 people are working in Kahramanmaraş, the epicenter of the earthquake, and 250 people are working in other provinces.



Fully equipped professional teams are working hard to save lives in collapsed buildings in the earthquake zone in groups of 10, 15, 20 people. Guides assigned from Türkiye accompany the Azerbaijani search and rescue teams. The 370-person team managed to rescue some earthquake victims alive from many of the debris after hours of work. The teams also helped to remove lifeless bodies from the debris.

Maisi Aliyev (27), who is working in the Azerbaijani search and rescue team working in the rubble of the collapsed apartment building in the center of Kahramanmaraş, said that they had pulled out the dead bodies of 16 people. Aliyev, who stated that they had heard the voices of 3 people in the rubble, said, "We are trying to reach them now. God willing, we will

always, we are with Turkey.

Serkan Kantar, who guided the Azerbaijani search and rescue team, said, "Friends from Azerbaijan are helping us. We are all trying to reach people alive as much as we can. It is a huge disaster."

16:52 MIRACULOUS SALVATION AT THE 35TH HOUR

In the 35th hour of search and rescue efforts in Gaziantep, where many buildings were destroyed and damaged in the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş, 2 people were rescued alive from the rubble of the 6-storey Gölgele Apartment. The young man, who was pulled out with applause by the locals and search and rescue teams, was taken to the hospital after being checked by medical teams.

35'inci Saatte Mucize Kurtuluş

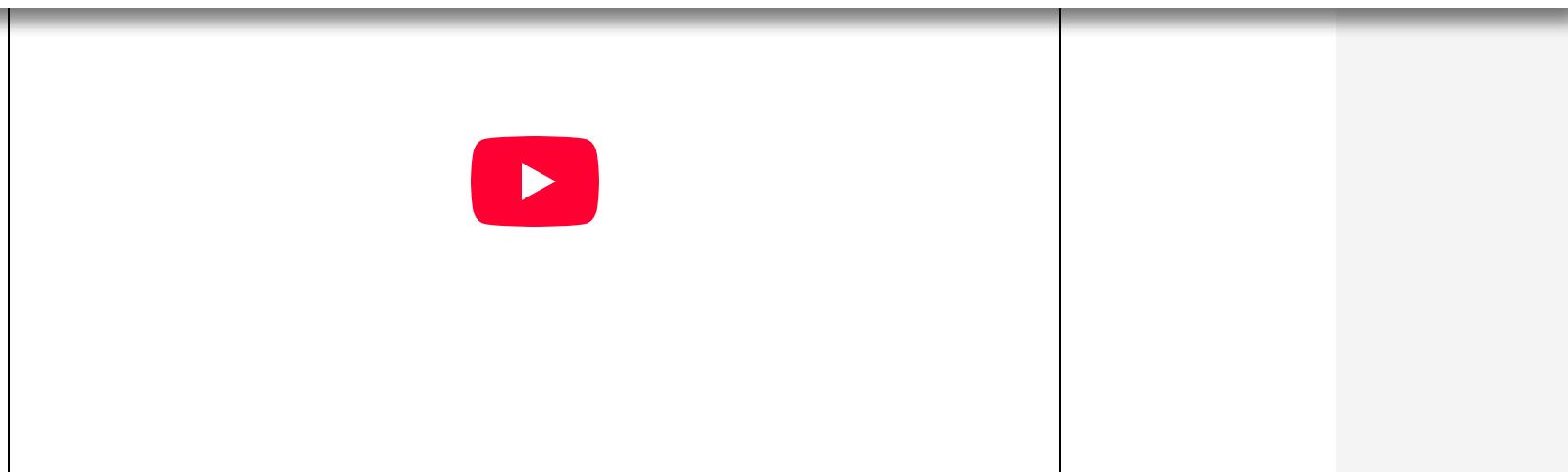


On the other hand, those who did not leave the rubble where their relatives were, followed the work despite the cold weather and did not leave the area for a moment. While the teams remove the rubble with construction equipment, they continue their work to listen under the rubble by making voice calls from time to time.



SYRIAN ASIAN REMOVED FROM THE RUBBLE AFTER 30 HOURS

Volunteers from the IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, who went from Trabzon to Malatya, rescued Syrian Asya, who was trapped under a collapsed 6-storey building in the city centre, at the 30th hour. It was reported that the little girl, who was taken to hospital, was in good health.



Asya's miraculous rescue was captured on a mobile phone camera. When the team asked "How are you?" Asya was heard to reply, "Brother, my knee hurts a lot."



WIDE CORRIDOR IN THE RUGBY OF ALPERGÜN APARTMENT

On the other hand, the number of teams in the search and rescue operations of the 14-story Alpergün Apartment, which was reduced to rubble by the earthquake in the Güzelyalı Neighborhood of the Çukurova district of Adana, has increased. With the participation of AFAD volunteers from other provinces and the support of the public, concrete pieces taken from the upper part of the rubble were evacuated with buckets in the wide corridor. While the teams tried to reach those under the rubble, they occasionally asked for silence; the families continued their hopeful wait.

ROAD CLOSED

The highway connecting Kozan district and Saimbeyli district was closed due to a landslide. Teams started working to open the road, which was completely closed to vehicle traffic.



38,487 personnel were assigned to the earthquake zones.

In a written statement made by the ministry, it was said, "A total of 38,487 personnel were assigned to the provinces of Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adıyaman, Osmaniye, Hatay, Kilis and Malatya affected by the earthquake, including 1,536 AFAD personnel, 6,183 police officers, 893 of whom are Police Search and Rescue (PAK), 296 Gendarmerie Search and Rescue (JAK), 216 Gendarmerie Special Operations (JÖAK), 17,000 gendarmerie personnel, 527 Coast Guard Command, 7,510 volunteers, and 5,219 security guards by the Ministry of Interior alone. Personnel deployment to the region is also ongoing."

It was stated that 31 governors and 61 district governors were assigned from surrounding provinces and districts to support the work carried out in the provinces in the earthquake zone, and that "1 Coast Guard Command ship, 11 General Directorate of Security, 2 Coast Guard Command and 26 Gendarmerie General Command aircraft were sent to the region for the purpose of personnel, material transfer and evacuation. 2 mobile kitchen trucks affiliated with the General Directorate of Security, 2 mobile kitchen trucks affiliated with the General Command of Gendarmerie and 1 mobile oven were sent to the region."

16:21 MINISTER AKAR AND KOCA REVIEWED SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS IN HATAY

Minister of National Defense Hulusi Akar and Minister of Health Fahrettin Koca examined the search and rescue efforts in the earthquake-affected Hatay center on site.

According to a statement from the Ministry of National Defense, search and rescue efforts are continuing in 10 provinces, including Hatay, following the 7.7 magnitude earthquakes in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes in the Elbistan district. Minister Akar, who arrived in Hatay immediately after the earthquake with Chief of General Staff General Yaşar Güler and Land Forces Commander General Musa Avsever, is following the search and rescue efforts on site with Minister of Health Fahrettin Koca. After receiving a briefing at the AFAD Coordination Center, where search and rescue efforts in Hatay are coordinated, Minister Akar and Koca then went to the city center to examine the efforts on site, receive information about the efforts from search and rescue teams, and give instructions. Minister Akar and Koca were accompanied by Chief of General Staff General Güler, Land Forces Commander General Avsever, and Hatay Governor Rahmi Doğan.



16:04 293 PEOPLE WANTED IN OSMANIYE

Search and rescue efforts continue in 127 collapsed buildings in Osmaniye, which was affected by the two major earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş and the aftershocks. Balıkesir Fire Department Search and Rescue teams are also supporting the rescue efforts in the city where 293 people could not be reached.



BODY REMOVED FROM THE RUBBLE OF THE HOTEL WHERE VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS STAYED

Search and rescue efforts continue at the Kırçuval Hotel, where the Malatya Metropolitan Municipality Volleyball team stayed and which collapsed in the first earthquake yesterday. While intermittent aftershocks at noon disrupted rescue efforts from time to time, a body was removed from the rubble at around 15:00 today as a result of the efforts. The body was sent to forensic medicine for identification.



In addition to construction machinery, AFAD and fire brigade teams are also accompanying the work.



15:51 REPAIR WORK AT HATAY AND MALATYA AIRPORTS

Work has been initiated to reopen Hatay and Malatya airports, which were damaged by the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş.

Due to the earthquake that occurred yesterday in Kahramanmaraş and caused great destruction in 10 provinces, deep cracks formed on the Hatay Airport road. In addition, the airport was closed to flights due to cracks in the runway. The roof of Malatya Airport collapsed. Due to the damage to the terminal building, the airport was also closed to civilian flights here.

The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, the General Directorate of State Airports Authority, governorships and TAV Airports Holding have initiated work to reopen both airports to traffic. It was stated that the aim is to reopen the airports as soon as possible with the work to be carried out with construction equipment.

14:54 NEW SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS SET OUT FOR THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE FROM ISTANBUL

Following the earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, a search and rescue team of 56 people, including those from surrounding provinces, set out from Istanbul on 2 planes.

İstanbul'dan Deprem Bölgesine Yeni Arama Kurtarma Ekipli...



The teams continue to work in the earthquake that occurred in Kahramanmaraş and affected 10 provinces in total. A total of 56 people from AFAD, AKUT, Social Disaster Association and district municipalities' search and rescue teams gathered at Istanbul

While I wait in the equipment and go to the earthquake zone.



14:50 3,549 LIVES, 22,168 INJURED

President Erdoğan announced that the number of people who lost their lives in the earthquake was 3,549 and the number of injured was 22,168.

14:31 EARTHQUAKE AID CAMPAIGN FROM THE TBMM

The Presidency of the Turkish Grand National Assembly announced that an in-kind aid campaign has been launched due to the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş.

In a written statement from the Presidency, it was stated that the materials needed in the earthquake zone were determined by the TBMM Emergency Management Center in cooperation with the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), and that "In this context, the materials to be sent to the earthquake zones must be packaged appropriately for seasonal conditions and for each age group and delivered in a sturdy parcel. Those who want to make cash aid can send it to the accounts announced on the websites of AFAD and the Red Crescent."

It was stated that the aid will be collected between 10:00-17:00 in the TBMM Ceremonial Lower Hall. The list of needs announced to be accepted by the Assembly includes blankets, sleeping bags, duvet covers, clothing (baby, child and adult), shoes and boots (baby, child and adult), coats, jackets and coats (baby, child and adult), scarves, berets and gloves, baby food, diapers, edible durable ready-made food, heaters, power banks, hygiene kits and women's hygiene kits.

On the other hand, the AK Party Parliamentary Group also announced that they have started a cash aid campaign. Members of parliament and organizations were also invited to the campaign.

14:30 GOVERNOR ÇUHADAR: TEAMS NEED TO COME TO ADIYAMAN ASAP

In Adiyaman, where many buildings were destroyed in the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş, Pazarcık and Elbistan, teams continue their search and rescue efforts in the rubble. Developments regarding the earthquake are being assessed instantly at the Crisis Coordination Center established under the chairmanship of Governor Mahmut Çuhadar. AFAD, fire department and 112 teams are working in the rubble. Many people are also helping the teams. Those whose relatives are trapped under the rubble are waiting for good news from the teams by the fire in the streets and avenues.



Governor Çuhadar, who stated that nearly 100 buildings collapsed in the city and 28 people lost their lives, said, "We currently have perhaps hundreds of people under the collapses, we are coordinating our teams. AFAD teams, especially from the surrounding provinces, need to come to Adiyaman as soon as possible."



THE HOTEL WHERE THE COLLEGE TEAM FROM TRNC STAYED ALSO COLLAPSED

The hotel in the city on Atatürk Boulevard, where the middle school boys' volleyball team players from the TRNC of Gazimağusa Turkish Maarif College were staying, also collapsed. It was learned that the hotel was full to capacity, with around 140 people in it.

**DEMOLITION OF 6-STOREY BUILDING ON CAMERA**

On the other hand, images of the moment when the 6-storey Onikişubat Apartment on Trabzon Street, which was damaged in the 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, collapsed in the 7.6 magnitude earthquake have emerged.



The footage captured on a mobile phone camera showed people running away from the street when the building collapsed.



14:30 MSB: AKUT TEAM'S TRANSPORTATION TO ADANA WAS PROVIDED

It was reported that the Ministry of National Defense (MSB) provided transportation for Search and Rescue Association (AKUT) teams from Ankara to Adana using Air Force planes.



In a post shared on the social media account of the Ministry of National Defense, it was stated that "Our flights to transport search and rescue teams to the earthquake zone continue uninterrupted. Our Air Force planes provided transportation of AKUT teams from Ankara to Adana."

14:26 Upon the instructions of the Minister of Justice and HSK PRESIDENT Bekir Bozdağ, 66 additional prosecutors were assigned to the HSK from prosecutors working in other provinces: 23 in Kahramanmaraş, 22 in Adıyaman and 21 in Hatay.

13:56 MOBILIZATION IN KAHRAMANMARAŞ

The earthquakes with magnitudes of 7.7 and 7.6, the epicenters of which were the Pazarcık and Elbistan districts of Kahramanmaraş, hit the provinces in the region. Hundreds of buildings collapsed in the center of Kahramanmaraş, and thousands of buildings suffered major damage. Everyone was mobilized to rescue those trapped under the rubble, and the rescued injured were taken to hospitals. The work, which also included AFAD, UMKE and other teams, has been continuing uninterruptedly since yesterday. Gendarmerie Search and Rescue (JAK) teams, soldiers and riot police also participated in the work. The work, which is also supported by the public, is being carried out meticulously.



In the city where teams are working hard, earthquake victims are also waiting for good news from their relatives trapped under the rubble. The earthquake victims continue to wait by lighting fires around the rubble. The earthquake victims waiting for their spouses, children or parents said that there was a lot of destruction and that more teams were needed to rescue those trapped under the rubble. The earthquake victims said that they prayed through tears and wanted their relatives to be rescued.



TENT CITIES ARE BEING ESTABLISHED

In the city where cold, snow and heavy rain are effective, tent cities have also started to be set up as of this morning. The tents set up by AFAD officers in the Kahramanmaraş 12 February Stadium and the fairground were allocated to earthquake victims. It was noted that the tents will be spread to different and suitable areas, thus preventing victimization.



AID FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Many businesses in Kahramanmaraş could not open either. In the city where the shutters are closed, the food, water, food and other needs of the earthquake victims are being met by the Red Crescent, AFAD and civil society organizations. The aid materials brought by vehicles from various points in the city are being delivered to the earthquake victims.



98 WOUNDED WERE BROUGHT TO MERSIN BY SHIP

On the other hand, 98 people injured in the earthquake in the İskenderun district of Hatay were brought to Mersin Port by the 'TCG İskenderun' ship. The injured, who were taken from the ship with 30 companions, were transferred to various hospitals in Mersin by ambulances waiting at the port.

13:15 RESCUE FROM THE WRECKAGE AFTER 24 HOURS

Search and rescue efforts that started in Malatya this morning are continuing uninterrupted.



Caught in the second earthquake at noon in his office in the Sarıbeyoğlu İşhanı in the Dabakhane Neighborhood of the Battalgazi district and trapped in the rubble of the collapsed building, financial advisor Abdullah Bircan (78) was pulled out alive approximately 24 hours later with the work of the teams. Bircan, who was lowered with a rope, was taken to the hospital by ambulance. His relatives who watched the rescue operation shed tears of joy.



LITTLE MUNE WAS REMOVED ALIVE FROM THE RUBBLE IN İSKENDERUN

Search and rescue teams from Tekirdağ Metropolitan Municipality Fire Department were dispatched to İskenderun district of Hatay, one of the regions hit by 2 major earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş. Reaching İskenderun with construction equipment and vehicles, the teams began search and rescue operations in the debris. Working in the collapsed building, the teams determined that the child under the debris was alive. Working intensively to rescue Mune Rezzak (4), who was trapped between concrete blocks and iron bars, the teams cut the iron bars and pulled the injured child out. Mune Rezzak, who was taken on a stretcher, was taken to the hospital by the health teams in the region, and it was learned that her health condition was good.



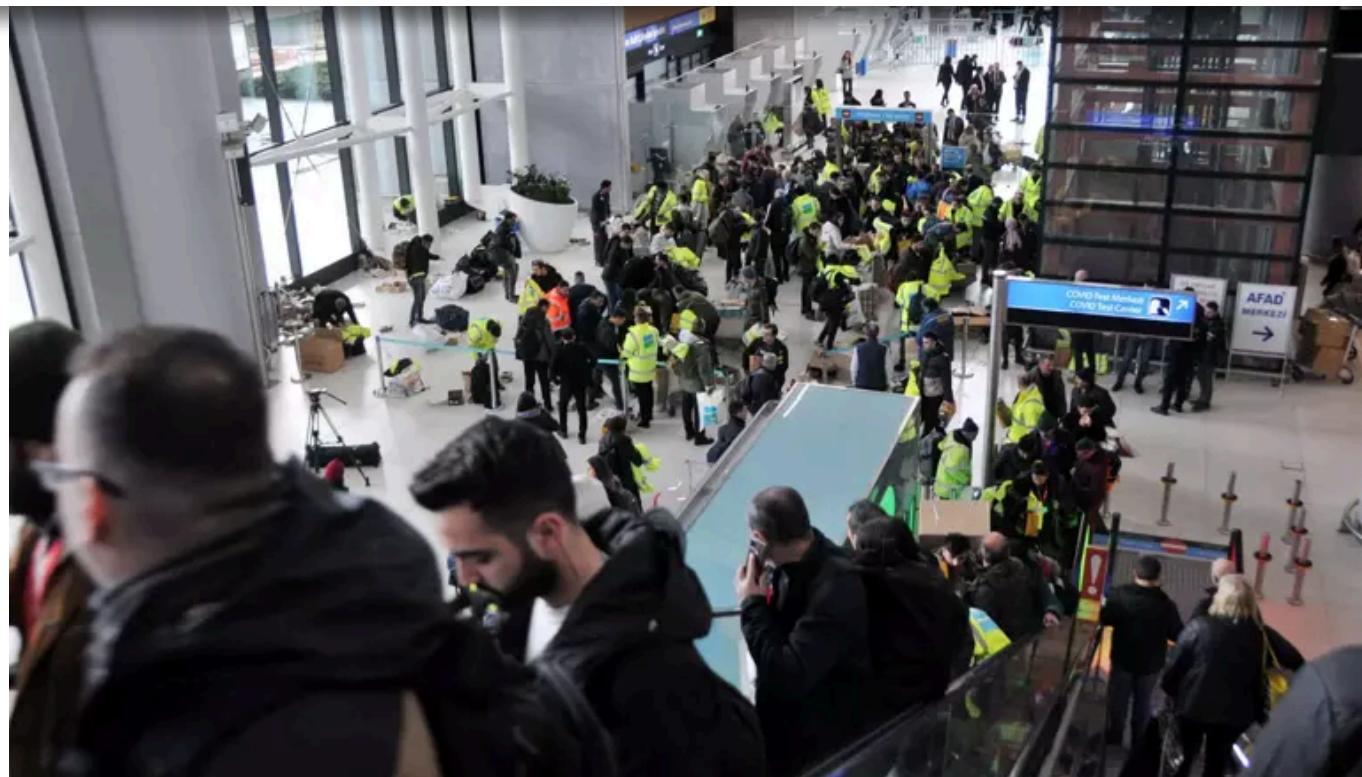
Tekirdağ Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Kadir Albayrak also shared a post on his social media account, saying, "Our Tekirdağ Metropolitan Municipality Fire Department Search and Rescue team, who reached Hatay İskenderun, found our beautiful 4-year-old girl and saved her safe and sound. I would like to thank all our search and rescue teams who worked with all their might and soul and made us experience this happiness."

13:08 VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO VISIT THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE

Following the two major earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, volunteers who want to participate in search and rescue efforts in the region continue to travel to the earthquake zone from Istanbul Airport.

Gönüllülerin Deprem Bölgesine Gidişleri Sürüyor





Aid volunteers who wanted to participate in search and rescue efforts in the earthquake zone from Istanbul were sent to Adana on special flights. The aid volunteers who gathered at Istanbul Airport were boarded after completing their ticket and registration procedures. The volunteers who will go to Adana will support the search and rescue efforts here.

"THEY NEED US"

One of the volunteers who went to the earthquake region, Ediz Bekçi, said, "My first duty is to reach Gaziantep as early as possible and help the earthquake victims and those trapped under the rubble. I have no other goal. That is my only goal right now. Let everyone know that those trapped under the rubble and the earthquake victims in this cold these days need us. I want to go as soon as possible." Yiğit Yüksel said, "We will go to Hatay from Gaziantep. The 48-hour rule has passed anyway. We want to provide some help to those there. We are going to the region through AFAD. May Allah be pleased with those who contributed." ARFF Chief for Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting at Istanbul Airport, Hüseyin Yaşar, said the following: "As ARFF, we will be subject to search and rescue efforts under the coordination of a team that has previously received training on this job and worked with AFAD. We will continue our work in the locations shown in the Adana region."

13:04 MOBILIZATION FOR THOSE IN THE DEBRIS IN ŞANLIURFA

Search and rescue efforts in buildings destroyed by the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that affected 10 provinces including Şanlıurfa are continuing for the second day. Those whose houses were damaged in the city where the earthquake was felt strongly spent the night staying in parks, gyms, vehicles and social facilities. As of this morning, AFAD has begun distributing tents for accommodation at certain points throughout the city. The tents have begun to be set up in cooperation with the police, military and local people. Due to the congestion in the city center and districts, there was a shortage of fuel at fuel stations and bread in bakeries, while municipal teams were served hot soup at certain points.

RESCUE AFTER 18 HOURS

A woman was rescued injured 18 hours after the wreckage of the Osmanağa Apartment on İpekyolu Street. While search and rescue efforts continue in the city, it was learned that 30 buildings collapsed in Şanlıurfa and its districts, 95 people lost their lives and 1,195 people continue to receive treatment in hospitals in the city center.

8 THOUSAND PERSONNEL ON DUTY

A search and rescue team of 8,000 people has been assigned to the city center and districts and those affected by the earthquake, with a population of approximately 3 million. Governor Salih Ayhan, Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Zeynel Abidin Beyazgül, gendarmerie, police and district mayors are trying to handle the crisis on a 24-hour basis at the crisis desk established in the Şanlıurfa Governorship. Teams are also working to identify houses in the city that are at risk of collapse. Authorities in the city where the risk

did not leave the front of their buildings due to fear of theft. Police are patrolling the evacuated homes 24 hours a day to try to prevent possible negative developments.

HOSPITALS EVACUATED FOR EARTHQUAKE WOUNDED

On the other hand, those who were hospitalized before the disaster and those whose lives were not in danger were discharged, and places were started to be made available for those injured in the earthquake. The bodies of those who lost their lives in the earthquake are also being delivered to their relatives and buried after the procedures. The power outage continues in the city center and districts due to the earthquake.



12:47 RELATIVE OF THE INJURED EARTHQUAKE VICTIM BROUGHT TO ISTANBUL: THERE IS NO LIFE DANGER

Among those rescued from the rubble in the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, the injured earthquake victim Vahit Karlı was brought to Başakşehir Çam and Sakura City Hospital from Adıyaman by military plane, and his relative Hüseyin Uslu said, "Thank God, his life is not in danger. He was hit in the waist and will undergo surgery. They removed the rubble there with their own means and took the children out. We received information that the rest of the family is still under the rubble."

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The injured earthquake victims who were brought to Istanbul from Adıyaman by military cargo plane last night are continuing their treatment at Bağcılar and Bakırköy State Hospital, Çam and Sakura City Hospital and Kanuni Sultan Süleyman Education and Research Hospital. The relatives of 18-year-old Vahit Karlı, who was brought from Adıyaman, came to Başakşehir Çam and Sakura City Hospital to receive information about his health condition. His relative Hüseyin Uslu stated that they were relieved to learn that his life was not in danger.

said, "Hopefully, his condition will be good. He was trapped under the rubble with his family. His father and younger brother are currently in Ankara. We took them to Ankara with our own means. He is conscious and very upset. He is experiencing the shock of the earthquake. He was trapped under the rubble with his brother on the second floor of the apartment building. His father reached out to us. His father said, 'Send an excavator here.' We reported it to the officers. There, they removed the rubble with their own means and took the children out. We received information that the rest of the family is still under the rubble."

12:48 AFAD: 3,432 CITIZENS LOST THEIR LIVES

NUMBER OF INJURED: 21 THOUSAND 103

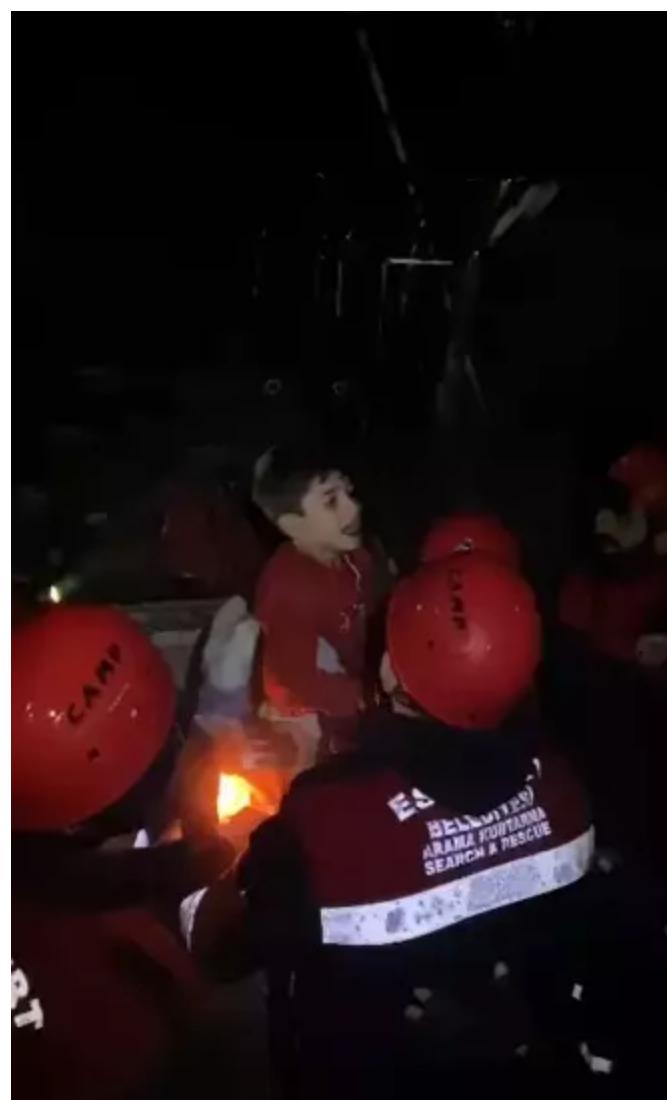
In a written statement from AFAD, it was stated that yesterday at 04:17, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake occurred in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş and that 312 more tremors followed, the largest of which was 7.6 magnitude and centered in Elbistan. It was recorded that a total of 3,432 people lost their lives and 21,103 people were injured in the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Adana, Adıyaman, Osmaniye, Hatay, Kilis and Malatya.

It was recorded that the number of search and rescue personnel assigned to the region reached 25,693, the number of vehicles reached 360, and the number of construction equipment, 629 of which were cranes, reached 3,361.

It was also stated that as a result of talks with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2,769 personnel from 65 countries were sent to the disaster area for assistance.

12:32 LITTLE BEKIR RESCUED FROM THE RUBBLE AFTER 24 HOURS

After the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş and affecting 10 provinces, the Esenyurt Municipality Search and Rescue Team (ESAK) of Istanbul, which went to the region, mobilized for those trapped under the rubble. The teams, which started working in the Antakya district where many buildings collapsed, rescued little Bekir, who had been trapped under the rubble for 24 hours. The teams, who reached the child at around 04:30, pulled his mother out of the rubble after intense efforts. Bekir and his mother were taken to the hospital by ambulance.



Following the earthquake that devastated Turkey, rescue teams were dispatched from Van to the region. The Van Police Department's Police Search and Rescue (PAK) team, which went to Malatya, worked in the debris areas. 7 people trapped under the debris were reached and rescued alive. In a statement from the Van Police Department, it was stated that the work in the earthquake area was continuing without interruption.



EYLÜL WAS REMOVED FROM THE DEBRIS AFTER 29 HOURS

A miracle happened after 29 hours in the search and rescue efforts carried out in the 5-storey building on 1071 Street in the Malazgirt Neighbourhood of Adiyaman.



Upon hearing the sounds, the Gümüşhane Municipality Fire Department and Trabzon Sürmene Search and Rescue (SÜRAK) volunteer teams descended into the rubble and rescued a wounded child named EYLÜL İKLİM BALI from the rubble. It was learned that the little girl, who was taken to the hospital, is in good condition. EYLÜL's miraculous rescue was captured on a mobile phone camera.



TÜROFED-AFFILIATED HOTELS ARE READY FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

On the other hand, Aegean Touristic Enterprises and Accommodations Association (ETİK) President and Turkish Hoteliers Federation (TÜROFED) Vice President Mehmet İşler said that an earthquake support campaign was launched in cooperation with TÜROFED and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. İşler, who stated that the doors of all facilities affiliated with TÜROFED were opened to earthquake victims, said, "A total of 2170 beds, 1170 from İzmir and nearly 1000 from Çeşme, were provided at initial capacity. These are waiting to be increased if needed. İzmir is waiting with open arms for earthquake victims. Beds were allocated not only in İzmir; but also in all TÜROFED affiliated regions such as Bodrum, Antalya, Alanya, Marmaris, İstanbul, Bursa, Cappadocia, Kayseri, Ankara, Black Sea, Mersin, Fethiye, Kuşadası, Didim, Seferihisar, Foça, Ayvalık, Eskişehir, Afyon, and Uşak. Today is a day of unity."

Mehmet İşler stated that they forwarded information on the number of rooms in 15 regions to the center in coordination with the disaster center. İşler, who stated that the first group came to Bodrum on a plane rented by a businessman from Diyarbakır, said, "In addition to Bodrum, earthquake victims have started to be hosted in TÜROFED facilities in the region. Antalya allocated 20 thousand beds, Alanya 10 thousand beds. Beds were allocated in all TÜROFED-affiliated regions in Cappadocia, Kayseri, Ankara, Black Sea, Mersin, Bodrum, Marmaris, Fethiye, Kuşadası, Didim, İzmir, Çeşme, Seferihisar, Foça, Ayvalık, Eskişehir, Afyon, Uşak. AFAD and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism will allocate these rooms in a coordinated manner."



authorities. When everyone tries to help on their own, confusion occurs and the aid does not reach its destination properly. That is why we are moving forward by supporting organizations coordinated by official institutions and governorships in our provinces."

12:24 MINISTRY INSPECTION AGAINST EXORBITANT PRICES AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

The Ministry of Trade announced that a nationwide inspection has been launched regarding allegations of exorbitant price increases in emergency supplies following the earthquake.

In a written statement made by the ministry, it was stated that everyone, especially state institutions, are working tirelessly to meet the urgent needs of citizens affected by the earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş, and that "On the other hand, our ministry has initiated inspections throughout the country regarding the claims that there were exorbitant price increases in the prices of urgent supplies during this saddening incident. In addition, warnings were made to e-commerce marketplaces to take the necessary measures. In this context, while our state and nation have shown great solidarity and come together during this extraordinary period we are experiencing, our ministry is closely monitoring all kinds of opportunistic activities aimed at exploiting the victimization of our citizens affected by the earthquake. None of our citizens should have any doubt that our ministry will impose the most severe administrative sanctions against those who engage in such opportunistic actions."

12:06 ITALIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM IN ADANA

Italy's Civil Protection Department announced that a team of 50 firefighters and emergency personnel arrived in Adana this morning with aid supplies.



12:04 MSB: BUSE WAS RESCUED FROM THE DEBRIS IN HATAY

The Ministry of National Defense (MSB) announced that the Natural Disaster Search and Rescue Battalion serving in Hatay rescued a young woman named Buse who was trapped under the rubble.

In a statement made on the ministry's Twitter account, it was said, "Our Natural Disaster Search and Rescue Battalion serving in Hatay rescued our young sister named Buse from under the rubble unharmed. We wish her a speedy recovery."

11:53 STATEMENT FROM BAŞAKŞEHİR ÇAM AND SAKURA CITY HOSPITAL ABOUT THOSE INJURED IN THE EARTHQUAKE

Following the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş, the injured began to be brought to Istanbul at night. The treatment of 11 people injured in the earthquake continues at Başakşehir Çam and Sakura City Hospital. Başakşehir Çam and Sakura City Hospital Intensive Care Clinic Chief Prof. Dr. Gülden Turan said, "11 seriously ill patients were brought from the



Prof. Dr. Gülden Turan made the following statement regarding the patients' conditions; "11 patients were brought from the earthquake zone in serious condition. Of the patients referred to Istanbul, those in serious condition are receiving treatment here. Two of our 11 patients are children. We continue their follow-up and treatment. We have the capacity, we can accept even more patients."

11:47 3,294 search and rescue personnel from 14 countries are actually in the field.

11:41 FUAT OKTAY: OUR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL ARE ON THE FIELD

Vice President Fuat Oktay said, "If we try to manage the disaster through social media, we will do more harm than good. Our Armed Forces personnel are actually in the field."

Vice President Oktay made a press statement at the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD). Oktay said that the number of people rescued from the debris in the earthquake zone exceeded 8,000. Noting that search and rescue efforts were continuing, Oktay said, "The very intense winter conditions here, especially in the region where blizzards are intense, the closure of roads, have caused us to struggle with the disaster on the one hand and the weather conditions on the other. We had not been able to use aircraft in particular. As of this morning, we started using them a little more comfortably."

'12,181 SEARCH AND RESCUE PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD'

Oktay, who noted that there are currently 12,181 search and rescue personnel in all provinces; 4,060 in Kahramanmaraş, 2,456 in Hatay, 1,314 in Gaziantep, 1,721 in Adıyaman, 687 in Osmaniye, 119 in Adana, 562 in Diyarbakır, 100 in Şanlıurfa, 41 in Kilis and 1,112 in Malatya, said, "Our work in Kilis, Şanlıurfa and Diyarbakır in particular was carried out successfully. We are in a very good position in these provinces."

SEARCH AND RESCUE PERSONNEL FROM 14 COUNTRIES

Fuat Oktay stated that construction equipment is extremely critical in search and rescue activities and that 4,191 construction equipment are actually in the field.

Vice President Oktay stated that 3,294 search and rescue personnel from 14 countries are actually in the field. Oktay noted that there was no change in the extent of damage in hospitals and that the field hospitals were being established quickly.

'IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THE ROADS OPEN'

Fuat Oktay stated that they prioritized air transportation due to the closure of roads due to the blizzard. Noting that some roads were closed to vehicles other than those on duty, Oktay said, "Transportation is extremely critical in disaster areas. It is extremely important for us to keep these roads open. We especially want to warn and request that citizens who do not have work do not use these roads. Therefore, we have stopped the entry of vehicles other than those on duty in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Adıyaman as of 48 hours. This measure can be expanded in other provinces when needed."

Regarding the regions where electricity could not be provided, Oktay said, "We will provide electricity to Reyhanlı, İslahiye and Nurdağı in Antep have not been provided. In Malatya, electricity is again provided in a controlled manner. Electricity has started to be provided to the entire Osmaniye center and Bahçe district. It has started to be provided to

'WE WILL SEE MORE HARM THAN BENEFIT'

Regarding the claims that the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) did not intervene sufficiently in the earthquake efforts, Oktay said, "If we try to manage the disaster through social media, we will do more harm than good. Our Armed Forces personnel are actually in the field. Our Armed Forces' air power is being used and will be used depending on the need. There is no limit there. We will be able to reach the inaccessible places in Elbistan a little more easily with air access."

'EVERY LIFE IS IMPORTANT'

When asked about the number of people trapped under the rubble, Oktay said, "It would be neither humane nor healthy for us to make any estimates at this stage in terms of disaster management. Every thousand lives are extremely important. Therefore, these are the issues we will announce after we clarify their identities."

Fuat Oktay emphasized that they have organized evacuations from earthquake zones and said, "Our governors have been instructed regarding this. All kinds of needs of the citizens have been prepared in the places they will go. Whether it is Antalya or Mersin; there are places allocated to us in hotels. There is no problem there."

11:36 SALVATION COMING AFTER 32 HOURS

Zeynep Ateşoğulları (35) was rescued alive 32 hours after the collapse of the Serin 2 Apartment in Tesisler Kavşak, Bağlar district of Diyarbakır, in the 7.7 magnitude earthquake centered in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş. Ateşoğulları was taken to the hospital after receiving first aid. Search and rescue efforts by AFAD, UMKE, Health, police, gendarmerie and fire teams are ongoing.

**98 EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS WERE EVACUATED BY SHIP**

98 people injured in the earthquake in İskenderun district of Hatay were evacuated in Mersin by the TCG İskenderun ship. The injured, who will be brought to Mersin Port, will receive treatment at Mersin City Hospital. It was also reported that 1 frigate, 2 corvettes and 2 patrol ships were assigned to İskenderun.

HELP TO THE REGION FROM GÖLCÜK, WHICH HAS NOT FORGOTTEN THE EARTHQUAKE

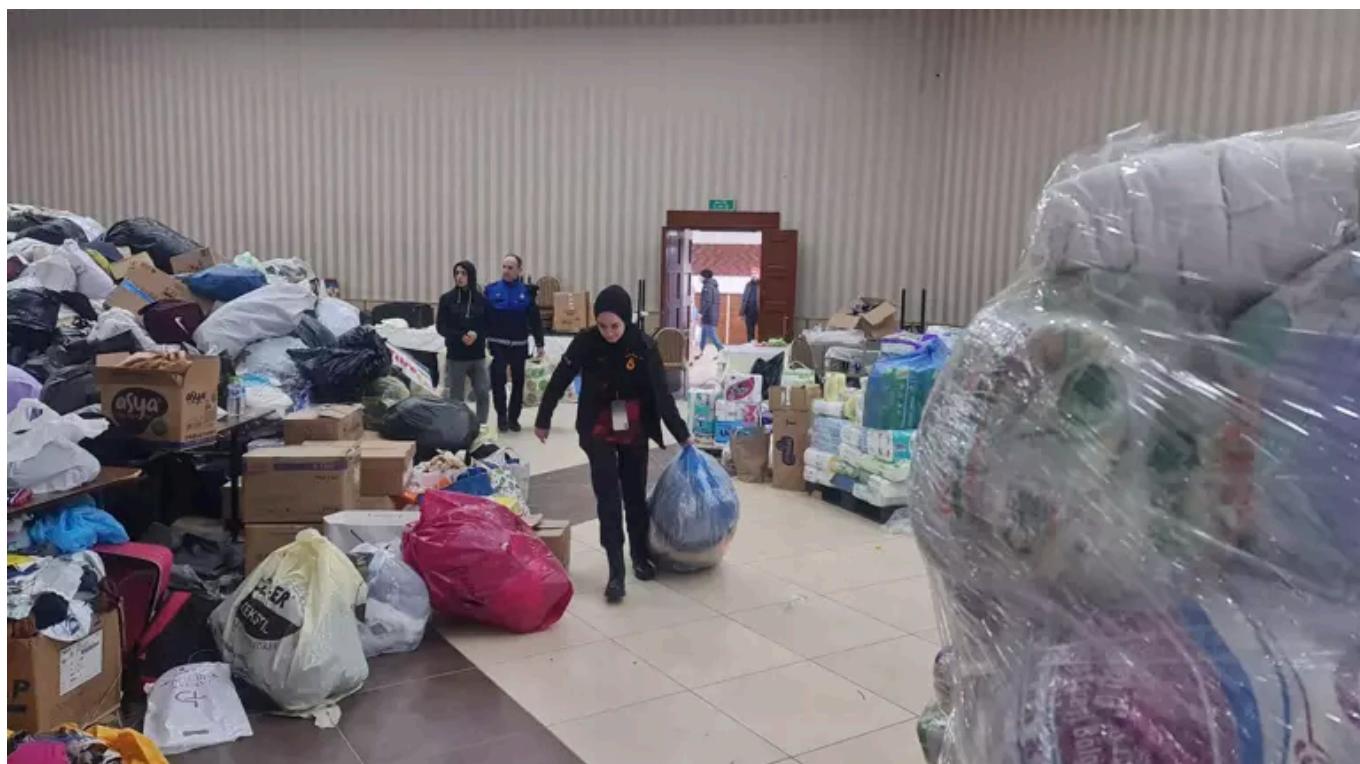
In Gölcük, the epicenter of the August 17, 1999 earthquake, the public mobilized to help the earthquake victims. The aid supplies brought by citizens who had experienced the same difficulties 24 years ago to be sent to the earthquake zone in Kahramanmaraş and the surrounding area piled up like a mountain.



The aid collected by Gölcük Municipality and Red Crescent at Kavaklı Cultural Center will be divided into categories such as food, clothing and cleaning materials, loaded onto trucks and sent to the earthquake zone.



Ali Esastürk, who brought aid to the congress center, said, "I experienced the earthquake too. I was here. Our emotions are very high. Our eyes are filled with tears, we are touched. We feel sorry for our brothers. We pray."



Rümeysa Usta, who provided clothing aid, said, "We understand them best because we experienced the Gölcük earthquake. That's why we want to help. We want to be by their side. My condolences to all of Türkiye. May God give patience to those who are left behind."



Emre Bal, who brought aid with his family, said, "It's really a bad situation. We experienced this too. We are going through a very emotional period because of this, to be honest. We wish our citizens there a speedy recovery. We want to help as much as we can. May God help them. The conditions, the weather conditions are really bad."

VAN MOBILIZED FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Citizens in Van mobilized for those affected by the earthquake. Under the leadership of the metropolitan and other district municipalities and the Van Chamber of Commerce and Industry, aid collection centers were established for earthquake victims in different parts of the city. The aid campaign launched by the İpekyolu District Governorship and Municipality at the Atatürk High School Sports Hall on İskelle Street attracted great interest. The aid, which started yesterday and continued until morning, was packed and loaded onto TIRs and trucks by municipality officials and volunteers. Aid TIRs were sent to the earthquake zone.

İpekyolu District Governor and Deputy Mayor İhsan Emre Aydin, who coordinated the aid, said that the people of Van, who experienced the pain of the earthquake in 2011, mobilized for the earthquake victims. Aydin said, "It is time to heal our wounds. These aid trucks are going to Malatya. Our governor has also been assigned to Malatya. Our governor is providing coordination there. In addition to our district, there are aid campaigns from municipalities in other districts."

Those who brought the aid packages with their private vehicles said that they were ready to do whatever was necessary for the cities affected by the earthquake.

11:35 MSB: HUMANITARIAN AID BRIGADE IN KAHRAMANMARAŞ SAVED ABDULLAH VELİ

The Ministry of National Defense (MSB) announced that the Humanitarian Aid Brigade serving in Kahramanmaraş rescued a young man named Abdullah Veli who was trapped under the rubble.



In a statement made on the ministry's Twitter account, it was said, "Our Humanitarian Aid Brigade serving in Kahramanmaraş rescued a young man named Abdullah Veli. Our struggle to save our citizens safe and sound continues."

11:25 ALI'S MIRACULOUS RESCUE FROM THE RUBBLE OF EBRAR SITE

The hopeful wait continues in Kahramanmaraş, the epicenter of the earthquake. Search and rescue teams continued their work in the collapsed buildings throughout the night. The 8-block Ebrar Site in the city center was also destroyed in the earthquake. One of the people trapped in the rubble, a young man named Ali, was reached during the night. Teams mobilized for Ali, who was trapped between the concrete blocks. After the teams worked hard, Ali was rescued from where he was trapped by removing the concrete blocks. Ali was carried to the ambulance on a stretcher and was taken to the hospital after receiving first aid. AFAD, AKUT and PAK teams and other search and rescue teams, as well as volunteers, supported the work. The hopeful wait of the relatives of those trapped in the rubble continues.



RESIDENTS BROUGHT NECESSITIES SUCH AS ELECTRIC HEATERS, BOOTS, SCARVES, GLOVES, BLANKETS,

baby food, thermal underwear, sleeping bags, gas heaters, sweaters, winter clothes, socks and diapers to Keşan High School Indoor Sports Hall. A toy and a 100 lira note attached to one of the aid packages drew attention. The aid provided by the little boy who donated his toy and pocket money moved those who saw it.



The child's donation was shared on Keşan Municipality's social media accounts with the note, "He sent both his toy and his pocket money. We kiss you from the bottom of our hearts, child. We work meticulously in our Keşan High School Sports Hall, where we collect our aid for the earthquake zone. What can one say about a little child sending us both his toy and his pocket money to send to the earthquake zone? How can one explain this sensitivity and charity? We kiss you from the bottom of our hearts."



MINE WORKERS SAVE LITTLE GIRL AND HER MOTHER FROM THE RUBBLE

752 miners working for the Turkish Hard Coal Enterprise participated in search and rescue operations in earthquake zones. Working with the experience they gained underground, the miners rescued a little girl and her mother from under the rubble in Kahramanmaraş. The miners were dispatched to the earthquake zones from Zonguldak and Bartın. The miners, who advanced with the fortification method they used in coal production, rescued a mother and daughter from a collapse in Kahramanmaraş. The miners, who hugged and

**HE WAS RESCUED AT THE 24TH HOUR, HE SAID, "I WANT TO HELP MY MOTHER AND FATHER GET OUT"**

Muğla Metropolitan Municipality Fire Department teams, in coordination with AFAD, went to the earthquake zone with 20 personnel, 2 fully equipped seismic search and rescue imaging devices (AKS) and food trucks to conduct search and rescue activities in the region. The teams, who conducted search and rescue operations in the rubble of the collapsed building in Hatay, rescued Hatice Şeren (26) from under the rubble 24 hours after the earthquake. These moments were recorded by the rescue team with a mobile phone camera. The footage shows Hatice Şeren saying, "There is no damage anywhere. I will stay here and help my mother and father get out." The teams, who did not allow this, continue their work in the region.

**THE SUMER FAMILY OF 5 WAS REMOVED FROM THE RUBBLE AFTER 30 HOURS**

The AFAD team that went from Erzurum to Hatay after the earthquake is rescuing people from the rubble. The AFAD team, which carried out a search and rescue mission in the 600 Evler Neighborhood of the Hatay center, worked until the morning to rescue a family of 5 trapped in the rubble of a 4-storey building.



In the building, also pulled father Yusuf Sumer and mother Özge Sumer alive. The family was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

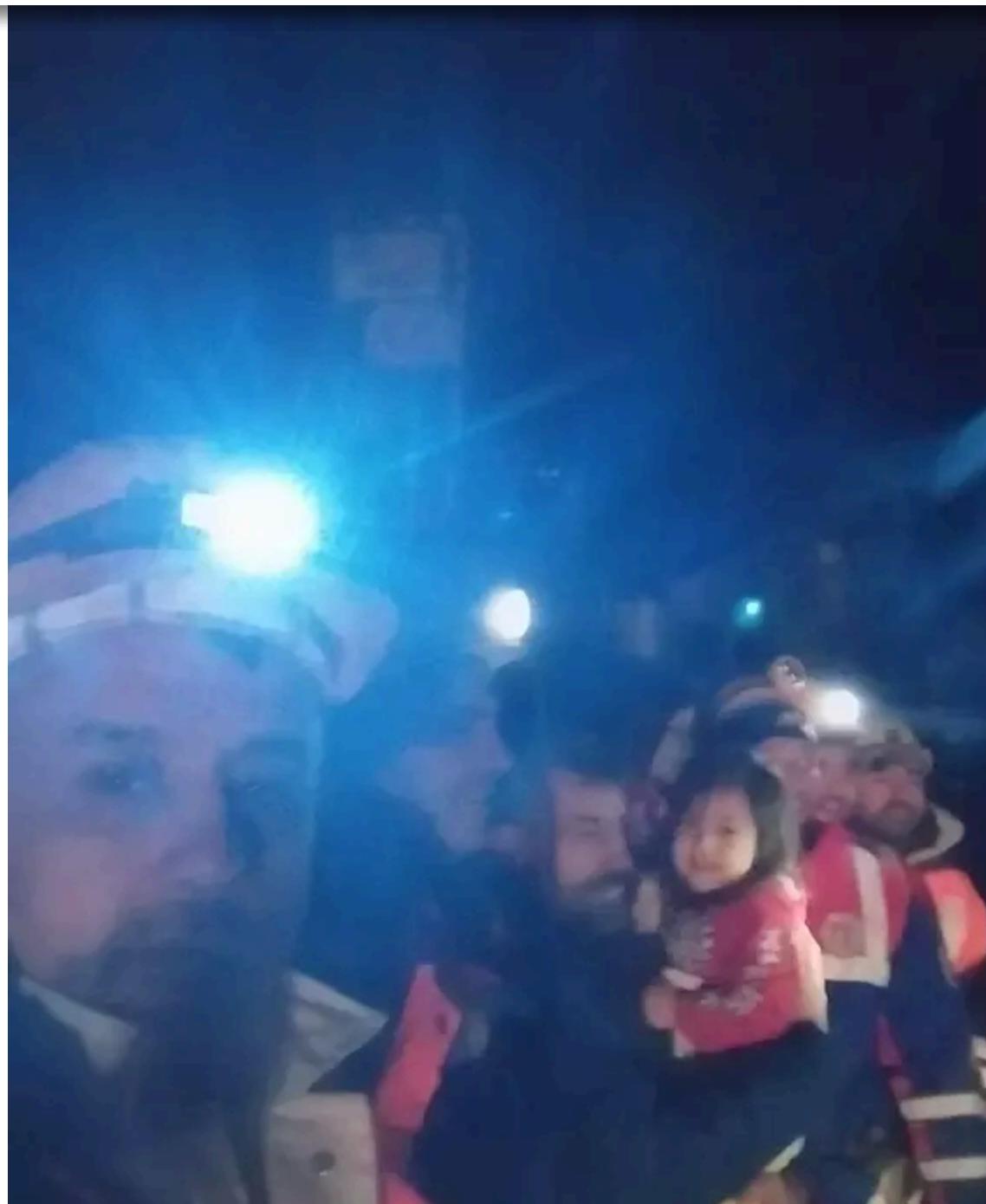
FATHER AND HIS 8-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER RESCUED IN MALATYA

Following the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes that occurred in the Pazarcık and Elbistan districts of Kahramanmaraş, search and rescue teams from all over the country were dispatched to the region. The Ordu Fire Department Search and Rescue team was also dispatched to the region to support the efforts in Malatya. In Malatya, where the earthquake hit, Ordu Fire Department teams began a search and rescue operation in Aşıklar Street in the Hamidiye Neighborhood. Hearing the voice of the little girl from under the rubble, the teams intensified their efforts in the area. Following the efforts, Sadiye Özdemir (8) and her father Şahin Özdemir were rescued alive from the rubble after spending 25 hours there.



'MY MOTHER COULDN'T ESCAPE'

Sadiye Özdemir, who spoke to the teams on the phone to help her and her father get found, had heartbreakingly words. The little girl said that her mother was caught in a different room by the earthquake and was trapped under the rubble while they were getting ready to go out to the garden. Sadiye Özdemir said, "My mother could not escape. My mother was separated from us. She had gone to the bedroom to get us something, and we were going to go down to the garden. I could not hear my mother. I pulled my mother's hand, held it, and then she let go. She never held my hand again after that. My mother was trapped under the rubble."



BURSA TEAM SAVED 17-YEAR-OLD DİLARA AFTER 28 HOURS

Following the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes, the epicenters of which were the Pazarcık and Elbistan districts of Kahramanmaraş and affected 10 provinces, teams sent from all over Türkiye are continuing search and rescue operations. Osmangazi Municipality Civil Defense Unit teams, who went from Bursa to Kahramanmaraş, the epicenter of the earthquake, are also conducting search and rescue operations with a fully equipped search and rescue vehicle, 4x4 all-terrain rescue vehicle, personnel carrier bus, 3 pickup truck cargo material and equipment vehicles and a search and rescue personnel of 38 people. When the teams working in the center of Kahramanmaraş detected a sound coming from the collapsed 8-storey Sözler Apartment building, they intensified their work in the rubble. The teams reached Dilara Aktaş (17) under the concrete piles. Dilara, who was pulled out from under the rubble 28 hours after the first earthquake, was taken to the hospital by ambulance and treated.

11:21 RELATIVES OF THOSE INJURED IN THE EARTHQUAKE CAME TO THE HOSPITAL WHEN THEY LEARNED THAT THEY HAD COMING TO ISTANBUL

Following the earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, the injured began to be brought to Istanbul at night. Those who had relatives in the earthquake area came to Başakşehir Çam and Sakura City Hospital to learn about the condition of their injured.



Those who heard that the injured in the earthquake had been brought to Istanbul and those who had relatives in the earthquake area rushed to hospitals in the hope of receiving news from their loved ones. İdris Talha Kartal (25), who went to Adiyaman as a tour guide, came to Başakşehir Çam and Sakura City Hospital with his relative Ufuk Can Yurt who could not receive any news from him. Learning that his relative was not there, Yurt went to other hospitals to check in order to receive news from his relative.

"WE CANNOT REACH HIM"

Ufuk Can Yurt said, "We came to the hospital to get information. He went to Adiyaman as a tour guide. We cannot reach him. We learned that the wounded came here, so we came."

10:56 ACCOMMODATION IN WAGONS FOR 3,400 EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure announced that 3,400 people were provided with accommodation in wagons in the provinces affected by the earthquake.

In a written statement made by the ministry, it was said, "Accommodation was provided to 3,400 citizens with the wagons we provided in Adana, Mersin, Osmaniye, İskenderun, Diyarbakır, Elazığ and Malatya, which were affected by the earthquake centered in Kahramanmaraş."

10:30 INDIA SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM IN ADANA

Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar announced that more than 50 Indian search and rescue teams, along with specially trained dogs, drilling machines, support materials and medicines arrived in Adana this morning.



10:29 AFAD RISK REDUCTION MANAGER TATAR: 3.381 PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE

AFAD Risk Azaltma Müdürü Tatar: Depremde 3 bin 381 kişi ...



AFAD Risk Reduction General Manager Tatar stated that the impact area of the earthquake was approximately 110 thousand square kilometers and said, "We are all experiencing the effects of this earthquake in an area corresponding to approximately 1/7 of the country's surface area. Our state is carrying out search and rescue activities and recovery activities in the earthquake zone with all its resources."

Sharing up-to-date information about the earthquake, Tatar said, "There have been 285 aftershocks so far; however, they are constantly increasing. The number of citizens who have lost their lives so far is 3,381, the number of injured is 20,426, and the number of collapsed buildings is 5,775. In addition, the number of buildings that have not yet been confirmed but have received a 'collapsed' report is 11,302. In addition, 24,443 personnel are currently working in the region."

10:01 HOPEFUL WAITING

Yesterday at 04:17, an earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale occurred in the Pazarcık district of Kahramanmaraş. Following this earthquake, numerous aftershocks, the largest of which was 6.6, occurred in Kahramanmaraş and surrounding provinces. The earthquake caused destruction in Kahramanmaraş as well as Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis, Osmaniye, Malatya, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa, and Adana. While teams were launching a search and rescue operation in the region, a second earthquake measuring 7.6, this time centered in the Elbistan district of Kahramanmaraş, occurred at 13:24. In this earthquake, some buildings in the provinces affected by the first earthquake were destroyed.



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Rescue teams from all over the country were dispatched to the region. Crisis centers were established in the capital Ankara and the provinces affected by the earthquake. Ministers went to the region. Rescue teams from foreign countries also came. While 16,400 personnel and personnel from foreign countries are working in the earthquake region, where cold weather and snowfall were effective in some provinces, citizens are also supporting the teams. In the meantime, reinforcement teams are being dispatched to the region from other provinces.



Additionally, approximately 65 thousand tents and tent materials, over 300 thousand blankets and other heating materials have been sent to the region so far.

THE DEATH TOLL IS 3,381

The earthquake destroyed 5,775 buildings, killed 3,381 people, and injured 20,426. Teams continue search and rescue efforts in the rubble of collapsed buildings in the provinces.



SEARCH EFFORTS CONTINUE AT THE KIRCUVAL HOTEL WHERE THE ATHLETES STAYED

Search and rescue efforts continued throughout the night in Malatya, which was hit by two major earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş. Teams are working hard to rescue those trapped under the rubble of buildings destroyed by the first earthquake.



Rescue efforts are also continuing at the Kırçuval Hotel in the Battalgazi district, where 11 volleyball players and 4 amputee football players from the Malatya Metropolitan Municipality Sports team are reported to be staying.

Malatya'da Enkaz Bölgelerinde Ekipler Yoğun Kar Yağışı Altı...



The work is being carried out with difficulty due to heavy snowfall with the support of construction equipment. While the earthquake victims stayed in shelters determined by the governor's office and the municipality, the majority spent the night in their vehicles. Some earthquake victims tried to keep warm by burning materials they pulled from the rubble. The governor's office has not yet made an official statement on the latest situation in the city.



2 WOMEN'S LIFELESS BODIES WERE RECOVERED FROM THE RUBBLE

Search and rescue efforts continue in the earthquake-hit Diyarbakır. The bodies of two women were removed from the rubble of the Serin 2 Apartment in Tesisler Kavşak, Bağlar



SEARCH EFFORTS CONTINUE IN ADANA

In Adana, where 12 buildings collapsed in the earthquakes, search and rescue efforts continued throughout the night in the debris areas. Construction equipment and cranes were used to remove concrete blocks and try to reach trapped citizens.

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Citizens are also supporting the teams. While search and rescue efforts continue, families continue to wait with hope at the wreckage.

